

dynamited to loosen them up and start them down the river.

Mr. McClintic got part of his supplies from Ronceverte and Millboro, Va. These were brought in with wagons drawn by four horse teams. Trail was cut out a distance of 18 miles from Spruce Flat close to Buckeye and Mountain Lick Run on Williams River to the camp by way of Barlow Hacking. This trail is still known as the McClintic Trail. In going to the camp you crossed Williams River 23 times and Gauley one time, a very rough trail.

It took from four to five days to go to Millboro or Ronceverte and bring in groceries for the camp and feed for the horses.

McClintic employed from 35 to 45 men and used from 10 to 12 teams of horses.

The men were paid \$32.00 per month, with board. The work was very dangerous, especially on the slides from the log landing to the river, and the driving of the logs down the river; however, the most serious of accidents were minor mashes, bruises and broken legs. McClintic was paid \$5.75 per thousand to cut, skid, and drive to Gauley River. Most of the men were from Pocahontas County, but a few came in from Greenbrier County, and the State of Virginia. Part of this timber was in Webster County, close to Cowen.

Mr. McClintic did not get to finish the job due to trouble with the Gauley Company, but was at the job off and on for seven years, and came out in 1902.

They held back a percentage of his earnings until the job was completed. This ran up over \$40,000. but Mr. McClintic got only \$20,000. of this sum and moved all equipment out. From this time on he operated logging jobs and ran small saw mills of his own in different sections of the County and adjoining Counties.

Middle-Fork Driving Company

From 1895 until his death in 1931 Withrow McClintic, beyond any doubt, furnished employment to more men than any individual in Pocahontas County, as he at all times employed from 20 to 35 men at lumber manufacturing, putting out telephone poles, locust for pins, locust posts, mine props and any other timber he could find a market for.

Since his death several families have been forced to leave the community to find employment, as his payroll meant a lot to the Swago community in which he lived.

He was a large land owner, handled large numbers of sheep, cattle, horses and mules; therefore, he was a large tax payer.

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Limestone Lumber Company.

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In 1902 Samuel Workman of Ronceverte a lumber grader took an option on 500 acres of timber on Williams River taking in Little Spruce Knob and Days Run and owned by Alvin Clark of Hillsboro. Workman had the deed made to t he Campbells Creek Coal Co. of Fayette Co, this deed was signed by Alvin Clark, Blanche Sydenstricker, T.A Sydenstricker, Grace C. Price, Andrew Price and Cameron Clark in 1905 with 3 years to remove the timber or to 1908 this land and timber joined the following farms. C.F Beard and M L Beard.

This timber was mostly Spruce and H^t emlock and Mr Clark recd \$10,000.00 for it. The deed was notorized by G.R Curry of Hillsboro.

Campbells Creek Coal Co, employed the Limestone Lumber Co, to Mfg the timber they had a circular mill which was set on Days Run the services of 20 men were required on the mill and in the woods they used 2 teams to do the skidding, a boarding house was built to take care of the men employed there. The lumber was brought out over the Campbell Lumber CoR .R .

This operation finished up in 1908 and moved out this land today is owned by the U.S Government and a part of the vast Gov,holdings on Williams River bought up by them for reforestation purposes.

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